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# SURFACE TRANSPORTATION JOINT PROCEDURES FOR CODING AND MARKING DOD-OWNED CONTAINERS

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**1. Purpose.** This regulation provides uniform policies and procedures governing the coding, marking, and maintenance of a single register of DOD-owned intermodal containers, as defined in paragraph 2.

**2. Scope.** The provisions of this regulation apply to all DOD-owned containers, shelters, and special purpose vans that meet the size and configuration standards established by the American National Standards Institute (ANSI) and International Organization for Standardization (ISO) and which may be required to move in international traffic. The accepted configuration is eight feet wide by varying heights by up to 40 feet in length with eight specified corner fittings.

**3. Responsibilities.** *a.* Department of the Army will—

(1) Act as the DOD Executive Agent for assigning standard identification markings, specifying marking application and maintaining a single register for DOD owned containers. The Joint Container Control Office, (JCCO) of the Packaging, Storage and Containerization Center, Tobyhanna, PA is the Department of the Army activity assigned management responsibility for program implementation.

(2) Plan/budget for assignment of identification markings and maintenance of the single register for DOD owned containers.

(3) Represent the DOD in dealings with the

Equipment Interchange Association which pertain to coding and marking of MILVANS.

(4) Perform service responsibilities as indicated in *b* below.

*b.* Services will—

(1) Provide the JCCO with a list of existing containers which require ISO numbering within 90 days of publication of this regulation. The list will include present number, manufacturer code, manufacturer's serial number, and description of the container including the overall dimensions. Containers acquired after the effective date of this regulation will be reported to the JCCO within 90 days of acquisition.

(2) Mark containers with ISO number prescribed by JCCO in accordance with guidelines prescribed by this regulation and confirm date of completion to JCCO within 180 days of receipt of number assignment.

(3) Determine method of marking within guidelines prescribed by this regulation.

(4) Provide an annual inventory of equipment for verification of the DOD register upon request by JCCO.

(5) Fund and budget for marking containers in their inventories.

**4. Methods of marking.** *a.* The new ISO numbers consist of 11 characters; four letters for the owner code, a six digit serial number, and a check digit.

*b.* All marking on containers will be in characters

not less than 4 in. high, with the exception that the maximum gross weight and tare weight characters will be not less than 2 in. high. The characters will be of proportionate width, durable, and in a color contrasting with that of the container. Maximum gross weight and tare weight figures will consist of five characters and four characters respectively and be displayed in both kilograms and pounds.

c. The ISO number will be placed on the upper right section of all four container sides. The number should be horizontal if possible. In the case of containers where the construction does not permit easy application of horizontal numbers on the sides (such as MILVANS) the number may be placed on the top rail or may be placed vertically. The ISO number will also be placed at each

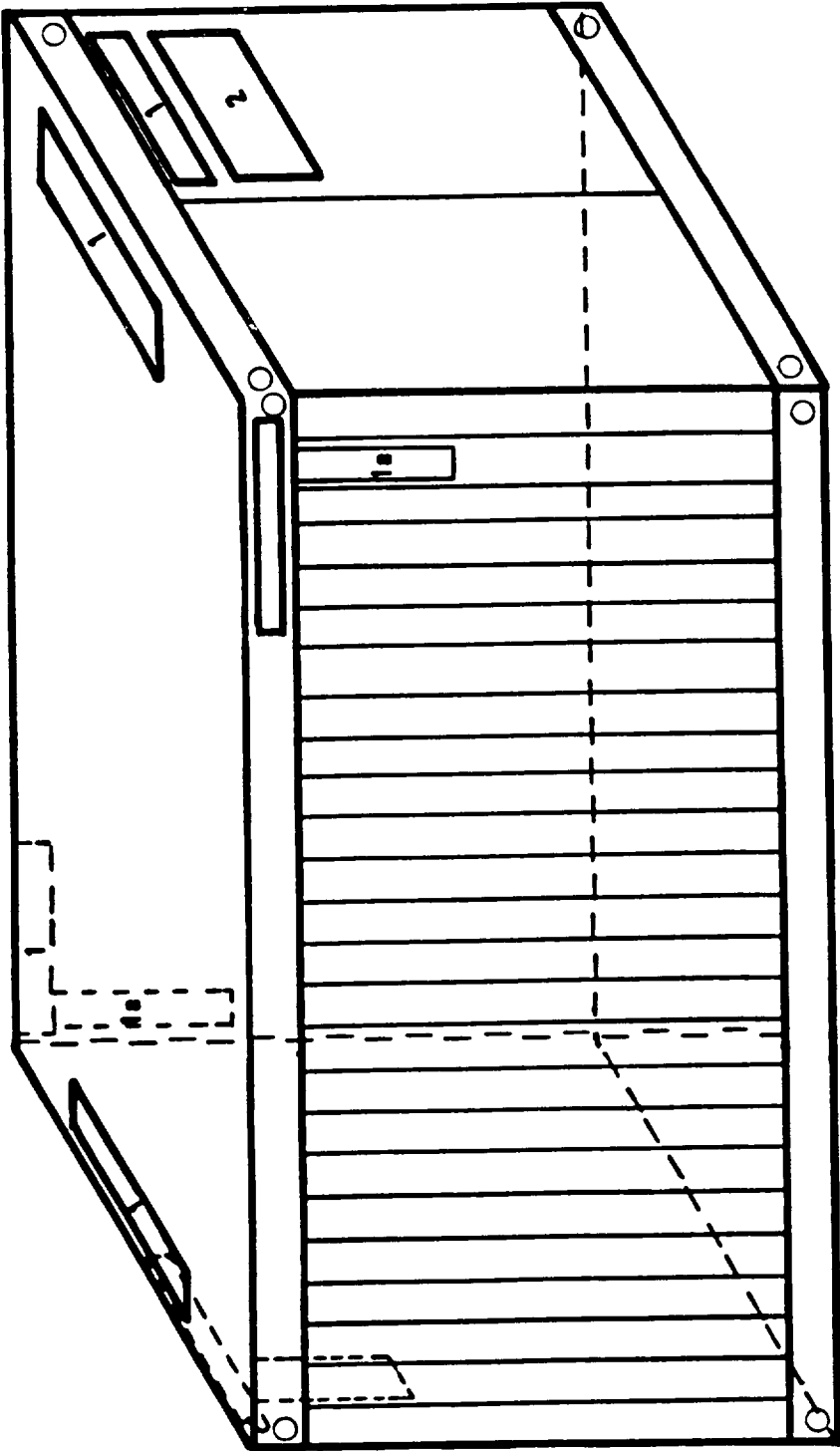
end of the roof with the bottom of each character towards the associated end. Maximum gross and tare weights will be displayed in both kilograms and pounds directly beneath the ISO number on the rear end (door if provided).

d. Unique letters for service identification are available. Specific blocks of serial numbers may be requested.

e. Figure 1 illustrates the primary and alternate methods of applying ISO markings.

**5. Implementing instructions.** a. This regulation is effective upon receipt.

b. When implementing instructions are published the service publishing them will, within 90 days of publication, forward two copies to the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Manpower, Reserve Affairs and Logistics).



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2. MAXIMUM GROSS AND  
TARE WEIGHT

MAX GROSS	00000kg
	000001b
TARE	0000kg
	0001b

1. ISO NUMBER

USAA 001234 0	USA 4001-234 0
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1a. OPTIONAL VERTICAL APPLICATION

Figure 1

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